Plight of domestic workers

1310. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of domestic workers in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide them due protection; and

(c) the laws proposed to be made for these domestic workers in the unorganised sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Attention of the Government has been drawn from time to time to the plight of domestic workers. Such workers form part of the unorganised labour force. Government have set up the second National Commission on Labour on 15.10.1999. One of the Terms of Reference of this Commission is also to suggest an umbrella legislation for ensuring minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector.

Statutory dues of CPSU employees

1311. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 63, given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd November, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the statutory dues to the employees of CPSUs are being liquidated at the earliest, as assured by the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the actual status of the present dues against PF, Gratuity and wages *vis-a-vis* the status on the 23rd November, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Efforts are continuously being made by the concerned administrative Ministries to liquidate the dues of workers amployed in the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). According to information furnished by some of the major

Ministries/Departments having administrative charge of CPSUs there was a decline of approximately Rs. 150 crore in the outstanding statutory dues (PF, Gratuity, Wages, etc.) of workers between December, 2000 and March, 2001.

Identity cards for workers

†1312. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government to issue identity cards for the welfare of workers engaged in different types of work;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to implement this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) There is no scheme exclusively for issue of identity cards to the workers. However under the provisions of the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, Act, 1976 and Cine Workers Welfare Fund, Act, 1981, identity cards are issued to the workers covered under these Funds.

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